

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 7, please replace the Brief Description of the Drawings with the following section:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. 1 is a perspective of a system for handling and transporting wet feed embodying the present invention; and

FIG. 2 is a perspective view partially in section of the system shown in FIG. 1, showing a rail car positioned inverted within a rail car inverter.

FIG. 3 is a perspective view of a tarp assembly for the rail car, illustrating support framework;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the tarp assembly, illustrating the support framework and a tarp;

Fig. 4a is an enlargement of a portion of the perspective view shown in Fig. 4;

Fig. 4b is an enlargement of a portion of the perspective view shown in Fig. 4;

FIG. 5 is a perspective view of the tarp assembly;

FIG. 6 is a perspective view of the tarp assembly, illustrating the tarp in a closed position; and

FIG. 7 is a partial section view of the rail car of FIGURE 1, across the longitudinal axis thereof.

On page 11, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 7 with the words "The rib shank" with the following paragraph:

The rib shank members 328 are fixed to longitudinally extending frame members 340, extending substantially the length of the railroad car 12. The rib and rib shank members 322 and 328 are bowed in a convex manner between the sides of the railroad car 12 and have an apex approximately in the center of the railroad car 12. The convex bowing of the rib and rib shank members 322 and 328 is effective ~~to allow moisture~~ to prevent moisture from collecting on the tarp 300 thereover. Any moisture on the closed tarp 300 may be directed over the sides of the railroad car 12 by the convex shape imparted to the tarp 300 by the rib and rib shank members 322 and 328.